Montana WIC Program



End of Certification/Notice of Ineligibility

The WIC certification	n for(Name)	will expire on _	(Date)	for the following reason:	
Your inf	ant or child is due for re-c	certification - Please m	nake your ne	ext appointment!	
Your ch	Your child is over five (5) years of age.				
You are	a non-breastfeeding wor	man more than 6 mon	ths postpartu	um.	
You are	You are a breastfeeding woman whose infant is over 1 year of age.				
Your family's income is too high.					
You do	You do not live in the Montana WIC Program service area.				
You requested withdrawal from the WIC Program.					
Progran	n Fraud/Abuse:				
Other:					
	change and you would li		contact you	r local WIC office.	
Participant/Guardian	Signature Date	WIC Staff Sig	nature	 Date	

WIC Fair Hearing Procedures

If you are dissatisfied with any decision about your eligibility for WIC, you are entitled to a fair hearing.

- 1. Submit a verbal or written request within 60 days of denial of participation to either your local WIC office or the State WIC office: WIC Program Coordinator, Cogswell Bldg., Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-5533.
- 2. You will then receive a copy of the Montana WIC Hearing Procedures.
 - You may be represented by an attorney or anyone at the hearing.
 - The hearing shall be within 3 weeks of receiving the request and shall be convenient for you.
 - $\bullet\hspace{0.4cm}$ You will have 10 days written notice of the time and place of the hearing.
 - The hearing will be conducted by an impartial official.
 - You have the right to present any evidence on your behalf.
 - You will be given the final decision in writing within 45 days from the date of the request for hearing.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: <u>program.intake@usda.gov</u>.

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